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BRANDEIS COMBATS COMMITTEE'S RULING

Hot Words Exchanged at Hearing,
Guggenheim Representative
on Stand.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger will not be called to the stand in the Congressional inquiry until his own attorney gives the word.

The committee today, after an executive session, refused to grant the request of Attorney Brandeis, on behalf of the "prosecution" that Ballinger be called at once.

Brandeis made a vigorous protest against this decision.

"When the committee opened its session Senator Nelson said: 'I desire to announce that the committee have decided to deny the request of Attorney Brandeis, preferred yesterday. We do this because Mr. Ballinger has expressed his intention and we understand that to be the fact, that he will appear here as a witness to testify, and that counsel will have every opportunity for cross-examination.'

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding," began Brandeis, "I desire to express an earnest protest against the action of the committee in doing what it seems to me must result in denying to the committee the testimony of those who are watching carefully the proceedings, the best opportunity to arrive at the facts."

"This is not a matter for argument," broke in Chairman Nelson.

Brandeis grows irate.

"But," insisted Brandeis, red with anger, "I desire to make an inquiry, I am to be allowed that privilege. I desire to know when Secretary Ballinger will come and testify before this committee and specifically whether he will come at the close of Mr. Steele's testimony?"

"I will say," interrupted Verities, "that Secretary Ballinger will not come at the close of Mr. Steele's testimony. He will come when we call him, and not before."

"I desire to make another inquiry," shouted Brandeis, interrupting Chairman Nelson's command to proceed.

"I have refrained from making at any time in the course of this proceeding specific charges against Secretary Ballinger, but specific charges have been made by others, and I am desirous to the committee and to every one else who is watching the proceedings that the one great question which is before this committee, and which is the country, is the question whether Mr. Ballinger is unfit for the position which he now occupies, by reason of a lack of truthfulness and directness in his position."

Question of Veracity.

"That is the issue which was brought to the attention of the committee," Mr. Pinchot. It is the issue which every member of the committee must realize is a great issue in this case. It has been brought to the attention of the committee by Mr. Pinchot and others with willfully deceiving the President.

The order and circumstances under which Mr. Ballinger is testifying are of paramount importance, when veracity and straightforwardness are the issue.

"Veracity and straightforwardness," Brandeis continued, "having become one of the issues in this case, I should think that this witness (Secretary Ballinger) should be subjected to the ordinary tests of veracity and straightforwardness, to which every witness is subjected, by legal procedure."

Grow Warm In Argument.

"Now, in this witness to be allowed to withhold his testimony in order that he may frame it up so as to reconcile it with that of other witnesses, to be called when the exigencies of the inquiry require it and when the interests of truth and truth only, depend upon it?"

"This is an inquiry, not an inquisition," broke in Senator Sutherland. "You are discussing a matter which is not in order."

"It is a question which is before the committee," doggedly maintained Brandeis.

"The committee unanimously decided this question of not calling Mr. Ballinger at this time," added Senator Root.

"I think in order to be perfectly fair," remarked Representative Graham, "that we should ask Mr. Brandeis to state how his protest and argument against the Attorney Verities may argue his side and try to take the sting out of it."

Flint Makes Threat.

"Well, for my part," interrupted Senator Flint, "I can say that personally I will not stay here and listen to arguments at this stage of the hearings. I want to hear testimony later arguments will be in order. If this keeps on I mean from the committee, I'm too busy to waste time on these arguments."

"Well, I don't think that is a protest at all. Once before in this inquiry I neglected to make a protest which the committee rendered a decision against me and Mr. Guggenheim. I think I had overlooked something important. I don't want to lay myself open to that kind of criticism."

John N. Steele, of the legal staff of the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate was called to the stand. He explained that he had advised the syndicate of the cause of a magazine or newspaper story to the effect that the Guggenheims had paid various sums of money to the Cunningham claimants.

The witness presented an expense account which, he said, formed the only expenses incurred in connection with the Cunningham cases, and the only money spent by the syndicate in this connection. The amount was slightly more than \$1000.

A long argument then ensued at to the admissibility of a report made by a local expert, stories by various to the syndicate. Steele objected strenuously on the ground that this was making private matters public. The committee finally admitted it. Brandeis explained that he is expected to prove the solicited interest of the Guggenheims in all the Alaska coal strikes.

Steele then read a newspaper clipping as to certain statements made by Delegate Wickert of Alaska, before a House committee. It said that the Guggenheims "owned the fishes, the mines, the railroad, the steamship lines, and the rivers—all Alaska." It was this sort of "stuff" which Steele said induced him and Birch to appear and set everybody right.

Plea For Syndicate.

"We ought to have encouragement in the building of our Copper River rail-

road. It is the only enterprise of its kind in that country.

"Now as to the Wickert charges—'Now as to the Wickert charges—' we said we own all the fishes and we only have \$200,000 worth out of about \$2,000,000, which is the total production. We only own 12 out of 23 of the steamers running to Alaska; we own one railroad, and have no coal, no interest in any claims except the Cunningham group."

"We want equal rights under the law with all others, in developing the country. We have never attempted to shut out any others, or tried to stifle competition. We ought to receive an encouragement Congress can give us."

Continuing, Steele said that he wanted the jurisdiction, in so far as the making of rates on their Alaska railroad was concerned, kept with the Secretary of the Interior's department, and not lodged with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Why," asked Representative Graham.

"Well, it is so much quicker and more satisfactory," he witness responded. "So, it is easier to get it through the Interior Department."

"I don't think that question is a fair one," the witness complained. "You'd rather deal with one man than with Congress, for instance?" insisted Graham.

"I should say so," answered the witness with alacrity.

Evades Question.

Brandeis then turned the witness over to Attorney Verities for cross-examination. The Ballinger counsel began at once as to the Cunningham-Guggenheim agreement of December 7, 1907. Steele said that he considered that agreement still in force, but he admitted that the Cunningham claimants had considered it terminated as far back as January, 1908.

"What is that contract a valid, enforceable one?" asked Verities.

"I don't like to answer to that question," the witness said.

"You have never received official, written notification from the Cunningham claimants that they considered the contract at an end?"

"No," Steele then went on to say that "a man had told him that the coal claimants did consider the matter at an end."

"And you heard—?" began Brandeis.

"Oh, he did," said he, "heard," interrupted Verities; he said a man told him."

Attorneys In Wrangle.

"Well," said Brandeis, sarcastically, folding his arms, "doesn't a man hear if he is told the truth?"

"I shall have to insist upon that unless it is done properly," the Ballinger attorney retorted with heat. Chairman Nelson and several members of the committee here intervened in the squabble, but above all, Verities rose and appealed for a hearing.

"I desire to protest," he said. "This morning, under the guise of voicing a protest, counsel on the other side has made malignant, leprous, and deliberate insinuations against Secretary Ballinger and I—"

"Does the chairman desire to hear arguments on this point?" interrupted Brandeis, referring evidently to the action of the committee earlier in the day refusing to grant him time to argue a point, "and I am not allowed to reply," he added to the unfinished sentence.

A few unimportant questions the attorney announced that he was through with the witness.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR DAYS' PLACE

Commissioners Expected to
Make Appointment
Next Week.

Several additional applications for the position on the board of assistant assessors made vacant by the death of E. G. Davis, have been filed with the Commissioners. The latest aspirants are Edward Stevens, druggist; David Moore, real estate dealer; H. L. Karples, former water registrar of the District, and A. W. Malloy, real estate broker.

The Commissioners have also under consideration the names of B. F. Adams, assistant to the assessor; James L. Feeney, former president of the Bookbinders' Union, and a prominent labor leader; H. L. Hill, real estate dealer, and E. M. Talbot, superintendent of street extensions.

Commissioner Rudolph said today that the appointment probably would not be before Tuesday. The Commissioners, he said, are carefully considering the qualifications of each candidate.

WARSHIP TO TAKE
FIRST DIP MAY 12

Governor Gilchrist Names Sponsor
for Florida, Newest
Dreadnought.

The battleship Florida, the latest of the Dreadnoughts of the American navy nearing completion, will be launched at the New York yard, May 12.

Governor Gilchrist of Florida has designated as sponsor of the ship, Elizabeth Fleming, of Jacksonville, Fla. Miss Fleming will break the bottle over the bow of the strange vessel as she slides down the ways.

The Florida has a displacement of 21,825 tons, nearly 2,000 tons greater than that of the North Dakota, which has just gone into commission. Her horsepower is 28,000, and she is of the all big gun type.

ARMY FROM NORTH
HERE FOR EASTER

New England States Will Represented in Throng of
Sightseers.

The New England States will be well represented tomorrow, more than 1,000 men and women from the North are now on their way to Washington.

This party of sight-seers, one of the largest that ever comprised a specially conducted tour for points in the South, left Boston and the trip to New York.

Leaving New York, the party started on its tour of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington under the direction of H. B. Farout, the New England representative of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The excursionists will reach Washington at 6 o'clock tonight.

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WISH ROOSEVELT IN WHITE HOUSE

Americans in Cairo Express
Sentiment at Reception
to Colonel.

ASKED BY KANSAN TO FIX UP TAFT

Former President Preserves Absolute
Silence as Far as Political
Topics Are Concerned.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 26.—If the 700 Americans in Cairo had the election of the next President of the United States in their hands, Col. Theodore Roosevelt would return to the White House by a practically unanimous vote.

These Americans, many of whom have been drawn to Cairo by the presence of Mr. Roosevelt, made known their Presidential sentiments today in an unmistakable way at a morning reception in the garden terrace of Shepheard's Hotel. Aside from the setting, the affair was more like a White House reception than anything the colonel has encountered since quitting Washington.

While awaiting Mr. Roosevelt's appearance on the terrace, the crowd sang "America," which seemed to put the colonel in a happy frame of mind.

Pleased By Singing.

"I am not going to make a speech to you," he began, after the vigorous round of applause and cheers that greeted his appearance. "I am glad to see you, but I want to tell you how glad I am to hear that song so far from home."

"It's a great song at home, but to hear it over here in Africa, sung by so many loyal Americans, gives it an added meaning. Now I want to shake hands with you all. I'm glad to see you, glad to be on my way home, glad to have had a fine hunt and glad that every lion did do his duty."

The last reference was to the sentiment which the colonel himself declared. Wall Street felt toward his African hunt and evoked a tumult of applause. Then, just as the crowds at the White House used to pass down the line to cheer his hand, the patriotic Americans were presented to Mr. Roosevelt. He had a hearty word for every one and fully five out of seven remarked to the colonel that the next time they saw him they hoped it would be in the White House.

Roosevelt Sphinx-like.

Not one of these references to the White House, however, drew a reply from Mr. Roosevelt. One man from Kansas voiced his sentiments in strong or fashion by declaring loudly enough for everyone in the party to hear, "I hope Mr. Roosevelt, when you get back to America you will straighten up President Taft."

The remark might as well have been addressed to the nearby Sphinx, as far as eliciting a reply from the colonel. The cleverness that he has shown in avoiding all questions and preventing even any little remark to escape him which might reveal his opinions, makes it apparent that there will be no political utterances from him until after his return to America.

Avoids All Traps.

The newspaper correspondents have tried in vain to trap Mr. Roosevelt into expressing an opinion. His careful guard is taken to indicate that he is more conversant with political conditions at home than he might be supposed to be. He has been in the African wilds for a year, and realizes that the entire United States is anxiously awaiting some word from him.

After the garden reception, the Roosevelt party spent the rest of the morning in a visit to the Ashar University, attended only by Mohammedan students, years old, and is the world's most ancient seat of learning. Only the Koran is taught there.

A luncheon by the Khedive at Abdin Palace, in honor of the Roosevelt visit, followed the visit to the University. The colonel, Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit, and Ethel were guests at this luncheon, as were Ambassador Straus and wife, Consul General Edgerton, and his daughter, and the members of the Egyptian cabinet.

Contrasts At Luncheon.

The luncheon furnished another of the strange contrasts between the dim past and the civilization of the present that abounds in Cairo. The decorations, appointments, service, and menu were such as might be found in any first-class hotel of Europe or America.

There were American Beauty roses, a course menu, music, and waiters who might have been taken for American negroes but for their costumes. It was the only time foreigners without official rank ever sat at the Khedive's table.

After luncheon the Roosevelts were driven back to their hotel, where Wu Ting-fang, former Chinese minister to the United States, and an old friend of Colonel Roosevelt, called to pay his respects. Wu is en route to his home in China. He spent a half hour chatting with the colonel. A call is also expected from Prince Elidi Frederik, son of the Kaiser, who arrived in Cairo last evening.

Presented With Koran.

A native lawyer named Wally presented Colonel Roosevelt today with a hand-illuminated vellum parchment and twelve ancient volumes of the Koran. While examining the library of Ashar University, Mr. Roosevelt surprised the sheiks who were conducting him through the hall by asking for the Mohammedan translation of the trials of the traitor Polo, for a thirteenth century Batutu, and other works that showed a knowledge of Mohammedan literature.

Tonight Consul General Edgerton will give a dinner in honor of the former President, at which a score of prominent citizens and officials will be present. The dinner will be followed by a confetti fiesta at the hotel, an event chiefly for the American visitors.

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HEADQUARTERS GRANTED TO SUFFRAGISTS

House and Senate Judiciary
Committees to Listen to
Women April 19.

CHILD IS MISSING, NEW YORKER HELD

Fifteen-Year-Old Stenographer
Answers "Ad" and
Is Seen No More.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Albert W. Wolter, arrested on a charge of having decoyed and abducted Ruth Amos Wheeler, a fifteen-year-old girl, from her home last Tuesday by means of a fake application to a business college for a stenographer, was held in \$5,000 bail today for examination Monday.

It developed that Wolter, who is under twenty-one, came here from Germany twenty years ago. He explained that he was trying to get into touch with stenographers so he might co-operate with some of them in translation and earning money, as he had been out of work for some time.

The Vital Records.

Births.

Sethian and Mary Edwards, girl.
Benjamin and Annie Cooperstein, boy.
Joshua C. and Mary G. Jubb, boy.
John I. and Katie J. Wege, boy.
Edward and Gussie Swore, girl.
Francis R. and Eva M. Carroll, boy.
Domenico and Maria Santa Barranco, girl.

Deaths.

Salvatore Foresta, 39 years, 625 Seventh street southwest, 18 years, 1333 H street northwest, 68 years, 1333 H street northwest.
Nathan M. Lowe, 79 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.
June J. Simms, 70 years, 58 Fourth street northwest.
Mary E. Callahan, 62 years, 88 Twenty-sixth street northwest.
Mildred C. Walker, 31 years, Sixth street, Congress Heights, D. C.
Percy Burgess, 31 years, Garfield Memorial Hospital.
Felice J. Anderson, 58 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.
Walker Keller, 53 years, Government Hospital for Insane.
Mary Eleanor Estlow, 38 years, 1401 F street northeast.
Mary E. Wright, 75 years, 648 B street southwest.
Anna Mary Merrill, 66 years, 1921 G street northwest.
Charles E. Watkins, 71 years, 2396 G street northwest.
Elizabeth Nolan, 5 months, Children's Hospital.

Deaths.

BELT.—On Friday, March 25, 1910, at 12:30 p. m., at his residence, 1848 Broadway street northwest, JOSEPH VINTON, husband of Joanna W. Belt, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence on Monday, March 26, at 10 p. m. Interment private at Arlington Cemetery.

CARPENTER.—On Saturday, March 25, 1910, at his residence, 411 V street northwest, at 12:30 p. m., JOSEPH CARPENTER, beloved husband of Eliza Carpenter, and son of Jennie Carpenter.

Funeral Tuesday, March 27, at 2 p. m. from residence of Mrs. J. W. Ruppert.

CHESMAN.—On Friday, March 25, 1910, at 9:40 a. m., at his residence, 118 V street northwest, Major ROLAND CURTIS CHESMAN, late of the Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, aged seventy-one years.

HEFFERMAN.—On Thursday, March 24, 1910, at 2:49 a. m., after a lingering illness, at his parents' residence, in rear of 1601 L street northwest, JOHN G. HEFFERMAN, beloved son of John and Agnes Hefferman.

Interment to take place Saturday, March 25, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

(Baltimore papers please copy.) mh3-24

ROTH.—On Thursday, March 24, 1910, 7:15 a. m., at his residence, 221 Eleventh street southeast, ALICE S. ROTH, aged twenty-four, beloved daughter of Frank and Annie Sharpless and wife of Charles W. Roth.

Funeral Sunday, March 27, at 2 p. m. from residence of Mrs. J. W. Ruppert.

LAWRENCE.—On Thursday, March 24, 1910, at 11:50 p. m., HATTIE LAWRENCE, wife of W. J. Lawrence.

Funeral from her late residence, 225 West-ninth street northwest, on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p. m.

LSE.—Departed this life on Wednesday, March 23, 1910, at 7 p. m., ALICE LUTTA LEE.

Funeral from Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, O street, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, northwest, on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p. m.

LOWE.—Departed this life after a sudden illness, on Thursday, March 24, 1910, at 8 a. m., SAMUEL M. LOWE, in the eightieth year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, 321 Fourth street southeast, on Monday, March 27, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

RUPPERT.—At 823 C street southeast, MARIA CHARLOTTE RUPPERT, aged eight years and one month.

Funeral (private) on Saturday, March 25, at 2 p. m.

WELCH.—On Friday, March 25, 1910, at 10:20 p. m., at his residence, 228 M street, JOSEPH F. WELCH.

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SAYS CONSTITUTION IS OFTEN CHANGED

Methodist Churchman De-
clares Authors Would Not
Now Recognize It.

ELEVEN MINISTERS RECEIVE COMMISSION

Conference Expresses Unequivocal
Opposition to Alleged Alliance
Between State and Liquor.

According to Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of Baltimore, the Constitution of the United States has been changed as often as the blue-back spelling book, and would not be recognized by its authors today.

This statement was made by the bishop while giving instructions at the morning session of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to a class of young ministers who were admitted to full connection with the conference.

"The Constitution is being altered as fast as the spelling book," declared the bishop. "We started 100 years ago with a system of economy which would be a lesson to other nations, but things have changed. Our old Constitution would never be recognized were its authors to make an appearance today."

Churches Constant.

In the course of his remarks the bishop deplored the impermanence of human institutions and declared that only the laws governing the Christian church had remained constant. The following ministers were admitted to the conference:

A. E. Owens, R. D. McNear, W. C. Klees, D. G. Bremlow, W. R. Hardisty, S. H. Geyer, R. K. Nevitt, O. D. Lambert, S. R. Neill, W. B. Lawson, J. S. Keene.